

1999 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
Insurance Component

HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY

Government Questionnaire

*(Please correct any errors in name, address, and ZIP
Code. Enter number and street if not shown.)*

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**U.S. Census Bureau
Governments Division – MEPS
Washington Plaza II, Room 413
Washington, DC 20233-6800**

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please report for the government unit identified on the cover sheet.
2. Please report data for **1999**.
3. Estimates are acceptable.
4. Refer to the Definition Sheet included with this package for explanation of unfamiliar terms.
5. In addition to the completed questionnaire, **please include a copy of each of your health insurance plan brochures** describing the benefits offered, or a copy of your benefits sheet summarizing the benefits offered by each of your plans.
6. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the questionnaire, please call 1-888-206-5068.

Collection of this information is authorized under Title 42, United States Code, Section 299b-2 of the Public Health Service Act. Section 924(d) (42 USC 299c-3(d)) of that Act specify that all information will be held in strict confidence by the staff of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and their authorized contractors.

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We expect that it will take 45 minutes, on average, to complete the basic questionnaire. If you offer more than one plan, we expect it will take an additional 10 minutes per plan, on average. In addition, we estimate that it will take 15 minutes to review the instructions and locate the requested information. You may send any comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing burden, to the following address: Director, Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Paperwork Reduction Project 0935-0110, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Executive Office Center, Suite 500, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20852-4908.

Section A – NUMBER OF PLANS

Please respond for the government unit identified on the cover sheet.

Respond for **active** employees only.

1a. Did your government unit make available or contribute to the cost of any health insurance plans for its employees in 1999?

For this survey, a health insurance plan is hospital and/or physician coverage made available to employees.

- 001 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 1b
2 ☐ No – SKIP to Section E, Question 2a

b. How many different health insurance choices did your government unit make available or contribute for its employees during the 1999 plan year?

Do not count single service plans (optional plans) such as dental or vision.

Plans offered by the same insurance company which offer:

- Single and family plans providing the same level of benefits count as ONE plan.
- High and standard options count as TWO plans.
- An HMO and a conventional plan count as TWO plans.

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Continue with Section B